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1. (Canceled)

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3. (Currently amended) A method for returning files to a user of an enterprise application, comprising the steps of:

requesting the loading of a file set comprising a list of one or more files each stored under a predetermined path and filename identified in said list;

determining if the files listed in the requested file set are in an archive format or a directory tree format;

creating a loading strategy based on said determination, wherein said loading strategy is created based upon the format of the files;

creating a virtual archive using the loading strategy, the virtual archive comprising a stored list of proxies enabling the files identified in the requested file set to be located; and upon the execution of a save function, performing a deferred copying process on contents of said one or more files in said file set, and storing the contents to an archive on disk in a file format specified by said user, wherein the contents are retrieved by one of said loading strategies in said virtual archive.

4. (Currently amended) A system for returning files to a user of an enterprise application, comprising:

means for requesting the loading of a file set comprising a list of one or more files each stored under a predetermined path and filename identified in said list;

means for determining if the files listed in the requested file set are in an archive format or a directory tree format;

means for creating a loading strategy based on said determination, wherein said loading strategy is created based upon the format of the files;

means for creating a virtual archive using the loading strategy, the virtual archive comprising a stored list of proxies enabling the files identified in the requested file set to be located; and

upon the execution of a save function, means for performing a deferred copying process on contents of said one or more files in said file set, and storing the contents to an archive on disk in a file format specified by said user, wherein the contents are retrieved by one of said loading strategies in said virtual archive.

5. (Currently amended) A computer program product for returning files to a user of an enterprise application, the computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program code comprising:

computer-readable program code that requests the loading of a file set comprising a list of one or more files each stored under a predetermined path and filename identified in said list;

computer-readable program code that determines if the files listed in the requested file set are in an archive format or a directory tree format;

computer-readable program code that creates a loading strategy based on said determination, wherein said loading strategy is created based upon the format of the files;

computer-readable program code that creates a virtual archive using the loading strategy, the virtual archive comprising a stored list of proxies enabling the files identified in the requested file set to be located; and

upon the execution of a save function, computer-readable program code that performs a deferred copying process on contents of said one or more files in said file set, and storing the contents to an archive on disk in a file format specified by said user, wherein the contents are retrieved by one of said loading strategies in said virtual archive.